



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”

Galatians 3:26-27



ULTREYA

Tuesday, September 26th 7 - 8:30 PM
 St. Lucy Church Hall
 All Are Welcome!

Ultreya...this Spanish word means “Onward!” “Persevere!” “Hang in There!”...words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life’s journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month, Douglas Bolduc, Jr., will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to **invite a friend** to join you!



PLEASE JOIN ST. MONICA SCHOOL'S PTO FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT!

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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th
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 Bring food/snacks to share with your table
 Tickets can be purchased by contacting
 St. Monica School Office
 978-686-1801

Morning of Reflection

On Sunday, September 10th, the BVM Sodality was honored to have Father Richard address 40 women through words, songs, and movement to make connections about Faithfulness and Trust; Hopefulness and Expectations, and Charity and Reconciliation as it relates to the work of our Blessed Mother. All attendees were provided with breakfast and presented with prayer cards of Our Lady of Knock from the Sodality and Our Lady of Knock candles from Father Richard. Ten lucky winners received the centerpieces! Much appreciation to Father Richard and to all who attended. What a wonderful way to begin this year for our Sodality! The BVM Sodality is open to ALL women. If you would like more information contact Judi at 978.314.8353. Our next meeting is October 8th following the 10:30 mass at St. Lucy Church.

All are welcome to attend.



Blessing of Catechists

Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, your followers were frightened and alone; you had just been put to death on a cross. They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem who told them all about you and what your presence among them meant. They did not realize that the man speaking and walking with them was you, raised from the dead. When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of faith, they turned around to spread the word.

We ask you to bless all your disciples who now work as catechists in our parishes. Bless them and give encouragement to their work, that it will have an impact upon the world. We ask all this in your name, Jesus, our companion on the road from Emmaus. Amen



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The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a “Come to the Waters of Healing” one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are September 23 and November 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

GOT QUESTIONS

TRY ALPHA



Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and questions of faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

No judgment. No pressure. No charge. Join us Tuesday Evenings.

First Meeting is Tuesday,
September 19 | 6pm
St. Lucy Schoolhouse |
254 Merrimack St.

To register call the office at 978-683-1193 or
Email alphacourse.stlm@gmail.com

Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish

Rosary Rally



Indoor Rosary Rally

at Sts. Mary and Joseph Parish (South Campus)

October 8th / 3 PM - 5 PM

200 Lawrence Rd. Salem, NH

A Procession will begin at 3pm outside and will move inside the Church, followed by a short program!

- ◊ Presentation on the power and beauty of the Rosary.
- ◊ Music will enhance our program.
- ◊ We will gather together to pray the Rosary for our families, our community, and our country!

If you have any questions please contact the office! 603-893-8661



**St. Monica Knights of Columbus
Council 14725 Fundraiser**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The Irish Cottage - 17 Branch St., Methuen
4-10pm

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Bring this flier and give to your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will donate 20% of your total bill (excluding alcohol) to St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 14725. In addition, for those in attendance at the fundraiser, The Irish Cottage will donate an additional \$1 per guest for those in attendance for the fundraiser.

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Jesus is longing for your presence.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays
9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel

Wednesdays
6-7pm
St. Lucy Church



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- K-8 Faith Formation 8:45-11:15am
- Confirmation 1 & 2 10:30am-12:45pm
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall & School House
- Baptisms 2pm St. Lucy Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scouts 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm
Gethsemane Chapel
- Bereavement Group 6pm St. Monica House
- Alpha 6pm St. Lucy School House
- Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm
St. Monica Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Alanon 10am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration 6pm
St. Lucy Church & Lower Church Hall
- Meet the Teacher Night 6pm St. Monica School
- Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm
St. Lucy School House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- SMS Altar Server Practice 2pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary (Zoom) 6pm
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- SVDP Meeting 6:30pm St. Monica House

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Faith2Fitt 8am Methuen Track & Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm
Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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**Nine Tuesdays from
September 12 - November 7
Saint Monica Church
7pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praying the Rosary
The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reading and Meditation/Reflection
The Novena Prayers
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here? Are you not under my protection? So not grieve or be disturbed by anything.”



Are you an **ADULT** with a desire to receive the sacraments (*Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist*) or learn more about your faith?

QUESTIONS, CONTACT KARL AT
(978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35
faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH
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DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 29TH.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER.
METHUENCATHOLIC.ORG

OFFERTORY AUGUST 26 & 27

St. Monica - \$7,205.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,507.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Sir 36: 18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

ENTRANCE HYMN*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan-der

1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Sir 27: 30-28: 7*

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 103 (102): 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*

℣. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

SECOND READING*Rom 14: 7-9*

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 13: 34*

✠. I give you a new commandment, says the **Lord**; *
love one another as I *have loved* you.

GOSPEL*Mt 18: 21-35*

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 36 (35): 8*

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the
power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN*Shepherd of Souls*

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Love divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er; Let us all your
3. Fin-ish then your new cre-a-tion, Pure and spot-less,



1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum-ble dwell-ing; All your
2. life re-ceive; Sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, Nev-er-
3. gra-cious Lord; Let us see your great sal-va-tion Per-fect-



1. faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, source of all com-pas-sion,
2. more your tem-ples leave. Lord, we would be al-ways bless-ing,
3. ly in you re-stored. Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



1. Love un-bound-ed, love all pure; Vis-it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a-bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be-



1. your sal-va-tion, Let your love in us en-dure.
2. with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in your pre-cious love.
3. fore the al-might-y, Lost in won-der, love and praise.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 16

9:00am Aline Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

4:00pm Joseph Moreau
Marion & Harry Cunha

Sunday, September 17

9:00am Frank Doherty
Albert & Connie Zampelli
Robert & Elizabeth Pierce
John & Ida Manning
Edward Ferreira

12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Saturday, September 23

9:00am Josphe Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Julie Morley

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Deceased members of the
Waterworth Family
Rita Conroy
Lynne Haley
Iris Castro
Joseph Boren

12:00pm Stephen Campagnone

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Tues	09/19/23	Fr. Mark Storey	Deacon David Joanis
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Thurs	09/21/23	Fr. Matthew Norwood	Deacon Barry Mongeon
Fri	09/22/23	Msgr. John Abruzzese	Gustavo Neitzke
Sat	09/23/23	Fr. Thomas Reilly	Thuy Nguyễn

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 16

4:00pm Roberta Palmisano

Sunday, September 17

10:30am Margaret J. Covey
Dominick "Rex" Campone
Jacqueline Larocque
Jim Gablosky
Victoria & Julio Sandoval

Monday, September 18

9:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica

Tuesday, September 19

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Thursday, September 21

9:00am Colette Lebel

Friday, September 22

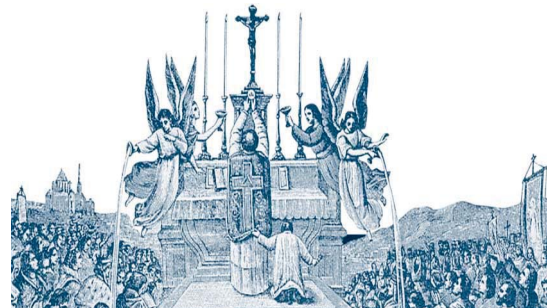
9:00am Margaret Collins

Saturday, September 23

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
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Sunday, September 24

10:30am Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Bertrand LeBlanc
Louis DeMarco
Paul Meli, Sr.
Dora Giuffrida



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Paul C., Meg C., Jesus L., Kevin W., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

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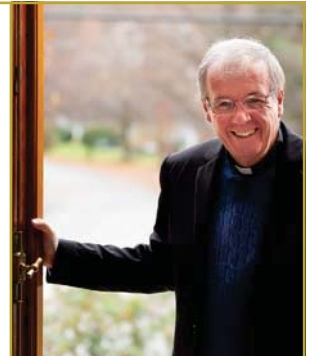
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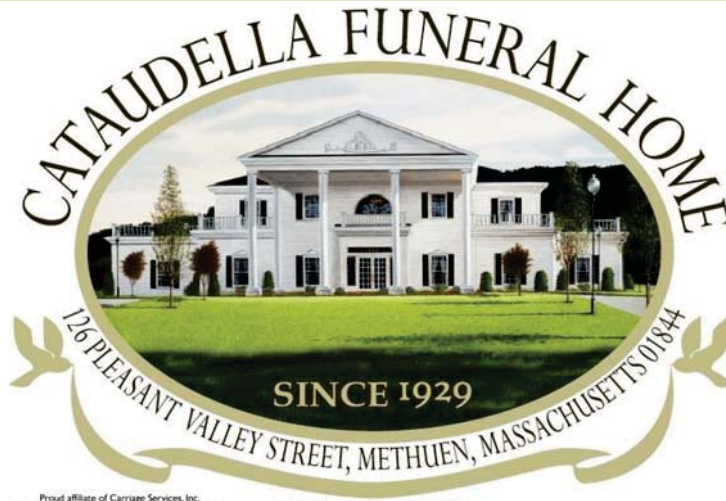


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